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RIVER WATER DISPUTE
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of water dispute between Tamil Nadu & Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to safeguard the life of people on banks of river Periyar;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Mullaperiyar dam is safe to hold 152 feet of water and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (PROF.SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a)to(d) The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its Judgment dated 27th February, 2006, had permitted the water level of the Mullaperiyar dam being raised to 142 ft. and ultimately to 152 ft. after completion of further strengthening of the dam. Further, vide their Judgement dated 7th May, 2014, the Supreme Court had also directed to constitute a three member Committee with one representative each from the Central Water Commission (CWC), State of Tamil Nadu and State of Kerala to supervise the restoration of water level in Mullaperiyar dam to 142 ft.

The Committee noted that there was no visible sign of distress; and seepage through the body of dam is within limits and permissible for a safe dam when water level in dam reached 142 ft.